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Dear Reader:

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Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City Field Office for the Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line Project proposed by Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPCo). Cooperating agencies for this EIS are: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno, Airport Authority of Washoe County, and the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency.

The Draft EIS is based on the right-of-way application submitted to BLM for a 120 kV transmission line from the Tracy Power Plant to new substations in the Spanish Springs Valley and Stead areas. This Draft EIS analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed power line and two electrical substations. In addition to the routes and substations proposed by SPPCo, the Draft EIS also analyzes five alternative routes and two alternative substation sites.

The BLM is interested in your review and comment on the adequacy and accuracy of this document. Public comments will be accepted during a 60-day comment period. In addition, several public presentations will be conducted to answer questions and accept comments. The times and dates of these public presentations will be announced through the local and regional news media and the BLM web site (www.nv.blm.gov/carson) at least 15 days prior to the events. Written comments may be submitted via mail, fax, or e-mail to the following:

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A Final EIS will be prepared that will consider the comments received during the 60-day comment period. For more information, please contact Terri Knutson at (775) 885-6156.

Sincerely,

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